

Application No. 09/905,538
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every element of applicants' claims have to be present in one reference. Applicants assert that every element of claim 1 is not present in Bem et al. Specifically, Bem's composition does not contain an anion exchange composition such as hydrous zirconium oxide. Since one element of applicants' claims is missing from Bem et al., there is no anticipation and applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

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Applicants also wish to point out that no comment was received on the figure submitted with the application. Applicants would like to know whether or not the figure is acceptable.

In summary, applicants assert that based on the above arguments, claims 1, 2 and 4-11 are patentable over the art of record. Further, applicants acknowledge that claim 3 contains patentable subject matter. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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